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SUBJECT: REPORTED EXPULSION OF CUBAN AMBASSADOR TO ETHIOPIA

REF: (A) HAVANA 1490 AND PREVIOUS; (B) ADDIS 2363 (NOTAL)

1. BRITISH EMBASSY HAVANA'S INFORMATION ABOUT NUMBER THREE OFFICIAL AT CUBAN EMBASSY (ADDIS) BEING IN CHARGE IS CORRECT. CUBAN FIRST SECRETARY ALBERTO DIAZ VIGO ALVAREZ IS CURRENTLY CHARGE' D'AFFAIRES AND APPARENTLY HAS BEEN SINCE MID-MAY. CUBAN AMBASSADOR AND NUMBER TWO OFFICIALS OF CUBAN AND PDRY EMBASSIES ARE NOT PRESENT IN ADDIS ABABA, FUELING RUMORS ON DIPLOMATIC CIRCUIT THAT THESE 3 DIPLOMATS HAVE IN FACT BEEN EXPELLED FROM ADDIS BECAUSE OF ALLEGED INVOLVEMENT IN NEGEDE GOBEZIE AFFAIR. OTHERWISE, CUBAN AND YEMENI RELATIONS WITH ETHIOPIA CONTINUE AS NORMAL AND FRIENDLY AS BEFORE NEGEDE RE-ENTRY AND RE-EXIT.

2. ACCEPTANCE BY SOVIET AMBASSADOR IN HAVANA OF ACTING USINT CHIEF'S ASSERTIONS ABOUT MENGISTU NOT BEING GENUINE MARXIST-LENINIST ARE SIMILAR TO RESIDENT SOVIET AMBASSADOR RATANOV'S REMARKS TO WESTERN
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JOURNALIST THAT "ETHIOPIAN REVOLUTION IS NOT MARXIST-LENINIST ONE, BUT POPULAR, NATIONAL ONE. WE KNOW MENGISTU IS NOT A COMMUNIST, BUT HE IS STUDYING AND LEARNING ABOUT MARXISM-LENINISM."
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